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Eagles Reach First Net Gain Since 1993

GROVE CITY, Ohio – For the first time since 1993, the Fraternal Order of Eagles (F.O.E.) has seen an overall membership growth. The F.O.E. achieved the goal on Wednesday, May 29, after posting a daily gain of 352 members to push their yearly total over the Net Gain line.

For years, the F.O.E. suffered from a fate similar to that of other popular fraternal organizations, seeing numbers steadily decline, however a recent commitment to refocusing on retention has separated the F.O.E. from those trends to see membership growth once again.

"We've put a lot of time and effort into making this achievement possible and it brings me great joy to see us reach our goal this year," said Grand Worthy President Carl Burnett. "I personally want to thank all of our members for buying into our vision and working hard at the local level to recruit new members, keep existing members and set our organization on the path to success."

The new Dues Reminders program through the Grand Aerie has helped the F.O.E. turn around its retention numbers, reducing the membership deficit at the start of the year that has hindered previous campaigns.

In the years prior to the new Dues Reminders program, dropped members were surveyed to find out more about the reasons behind their decisions to leave the organization. A significant portion of members were unintentionally having their membership lapse after reporting they hadn't received notification of upcoming expiration.

The new program ensures all members receive multiple reminders in the months leading up to the expiration date, as well as during the 30 day period after. During its first year,

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Don't miss out on this year's Convention Entertainment

Tickets are still available for all evening events during the 2019 International Convention in Louisville, KY.

Country legend Charlie Daniels and the Charlie Daniels Band will headline the entertainment lineup during the free Welcome to Louisville Show on Sunday, July 7.

On Monday, July 8, country artist Jenny Tolman returns to headline the Ladies' Auxiliary Night Out banquet. She will be performing songs from her debut album, "There Goes The Neighborhood." Tickets for the banquet are $40 each and will include a full meal and entertainment.

Additionally on Monday night, join your fellow Eagles for live karaoke and music by the Eagle Troubadours, who are a selection of proud Eagle members that will be providing live entertainment, starting at 9 p.m. Grab a chair and listen to talented members perform acoustic covers of popular hits and classics in celebration of this year's festivities. Don't miss out on this first-ever unique performance!

The Aerie and Auxiliary Members Banquet will be held on the following evening, Tuesday, July 9. The banquet will feature country musicians Ricky Skaggs & Kentucky Thunder, along with comedian Mrs. Hughes. Tickets are $45 a person and include a dinner.

Find all forms and more entertainment information on www.foe.com under the Convention page.

Convention Corner

2019 International Convention

Galt House Hotel • Louisville, Kentucky • July 8-11

Auxiliary Wacky Ties Collection

The Grand Auxiliary is collecting ties for the Wacky Tie 50/50 at this year's Convention. Eagles can buy a Wacky Tie at the Convention that they must wear around during the week's festivities. If you're caught without your tie, you'll receive a fine! All funds will be totaled and a winner will be selected during Tuesday night's Aerie & Auxiliary Members Banquet. The winner will receive half of the pot, with the other half benefiting the charity of Grand Madam President Althea Lane - City of Hope.

Airport Shuttle Information

Transportation from the airport to the Galt House is available for Convention attendees at a rate of $11 per-person one-way/$22 round-trip. Pickup at the airport is at quarter after and quarter til the house with the last pick up being at 11:15 p.m. Departure from the hotel is every half hour from 4 a.m. to 1 p.m. and at the top of every hour from 1 p.m. til Midnight. It is approximately 15 minutes to and from the airport, except during rush hour, which may be slightly longer.

To book, send the following information to galthouseshuttle@xtlimo.com: Name, Number of Passengers, Arrival Date & Time, Incoming Airline and Flight Number, Departure Date & Time, Contact Number, Email Address, and List of any oversized items for transport (i.e. Golf clubs, walkers, wheelchairs, etc.) Payment may be made via room charge by providing your hotel confirmation number or by credit card at 502-562-4022.

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Top Producers/ New Leaders

for May 2019

Aerie:

1. #929 Folsom, CA	57
2. #3214 Whitehall, MI	53
3. #4294 Burnham, PA	48
4. #2809 Gig Harbor, WA	43
5. #486 Coeur D'alene, ID	42

Auxiliary:

1. #4038 Las Cruces, NM	27
2. #4089 Port Orange, FL	23
3. #3324 Redmond, WA	21
4. #3690 Caseville, MI	19
5. #486 Coeur D'alene, ID	18

Aerie (Individual):

1. Sarah Woods Folsom, CA #929	22
2. Dennis Heniser Frankfort, MI #3313	21
3. Denny Price Moberly, Mo #2669	17
4. Anthony Grindley Millersport, OH #2801	15
5. Stephen Upson Richland, WA #2241	14

Auxiliary (Individual):

1. Stacey Barger Cedar Rapids, IA #2272	11
1. Sharon Cook Pendleton, OR #28	11
3. Beverley Davis Latrobe, PA #1188	9
3. Snow Wiech Wellington, OH #2051	9
5. Megan Payne Redmond, WA #3324	8
5. Thea Ariz Woodinville, WA #3324	8

We Are People Helping People

Alaska

For the 2018-2019 year Anchorage Aerie and Auxiliary #4207 made a series of donations:

- #4207 gave a check for $2,271 and a box of winter clothing to the Anchorage Gospel Rescue Mission.
- Anchorage Aerie and Auxiliary #4207 donated $2,000 to Pamela Meadors, Executive Director of Alaska SPCA, and the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.
- Auxiliary #4207 made a $2,000 donation to LoraAnn Payne, the Chief Financial Officer for the Midtown Anchorage YMCA.
- Auxiliary #4207 made a $2,000 donation to Dollars for Dogs, which is a non-profit organization that fully supports the Anchorage Police Department's K-9 Unit.
- Anchorage #4207 gave a $2,000 check to the Navy JROTC Unit of Robert Service High School; the money will be used for the students.
- Auxiliary #4207 donated $3,000 to the Blood Bank of Alaska's donor testing project.

California

- Tony Lujan and Tracy Jennings from Brisbane Eagles #3255 co-chaired the Cancer Fund, and with the help of volunteers, they were able to raise a total of $1,706 to support the fund.
- Needles Aerie #2599's Worthy President Manuel Rubalcaba presented a donation to Frank Mendez for the Flip Mendez Youth Fund.

British Columbia

- Maple Ridge Aerie #2831 presented a $1,000 check to the nonprofit KidSport Maple Ridge / Pitt Meadows, which is an organization that provides financial support for children to play organized sport in Canada 'So ALL Kids Can Play!'.

Illinois

- Illinois State Aerie President Ray Richards, and Carbondale Aerie #2569 presented a $5,000 state charity check to Sam Kuhnert, CEO and co-founder on behalf of the NubAbility® Athletics Foundation at the Southern Zone Conference held at Granite City Aerie #1126.
- The Lone Elm Eagles #593 raised a self-record-breaking amount of $30,000 this year to support the Clinton, Kenney, and Wapella Fire Departments.

Montana

- Helena Eagles #16 held their annual Easter egg hunt on the Montana State Capitol lawn. A few days before, volunteers spent the day at the club coloring more than 14,000 eggs. It took several hours Sunday morning to get them all into place.

Ohio

- Brunswick Aerie #3505 hosted a reverse raffle breakfast at the Brunswick Eagles in support of the Brunswick Blue Devil Marching Band's trip to London. The Brunswick Auxiliary supported the event by donating baskets and made a donation in the amount of $1,000 to the cause. A check from the event was presented to the Brunswick Band Parent Organizations in the amount totaling $2,813.
- Paint Eagles #1325 donated $500 to the McClain After Prom.
- On May 10, 2019, Trustee Rex Loudon and fellow Eagle member Brian Neal of Pleasant Eagles #2293, presented $9,000 in scholarships to nine outstanding students on Recognition Day at Georgetown High School. In 2018 Pleasant Eagles have donated over $56,000 to the local community.

Pennsylvania

- Kutztown Eagles #839 donated $1,250 to help Easter Seals Eastern Pennsylvania's fundraising efforts to raise money to send children with disabilities to summer camps. The EEP organization raised over $4,400 and will be able to send 13 youngsters to camp this summer.

Tennessee

- Scenic City Aerie and Auxiliary #945 held its first Kentucky Derby Dance. During the dance two grants were given to the Cancer Fund for $2,000 and the H.O.M.E. Fund for $1,502.

Virginia

- The Mason Dixon Conference proudly presented the Grand President-Elects a check of $6,500 each to help off-set their expenses for the upcoming year as Grand Presidents. This year the Conference was held at the Elliot's Knob Aerie #680.

Wisconsin

-Manitowoc Aerie #706 recently held their annual Awards Banquet. During the banquet, two college scholarships were awarded to students Maria Laurent and Bryce Howe.

Wyoming

- Sweetwater Auxiliary #2350 donated $2,500 to the KD Foundation for Sweetwater County children with juvenile diabetes, in support of their Madame President Shantel Stevenson's special project.

Arkansas

- On April 14, the family of longtime member Virginia "Ginny" Watson, of Russellville, Ark., Auxiliary #3928, made a donation of $40,000 to the Fraternal Order of Eagles Diabetes Research Center in Ginny's honor. Ginny joined the Eagles in 1980 and was member until her passing in 2015. She was a dedicated Eagle and a proud supporter of the DRC's efforts to find a cure for diabetes. F.O.E. Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees Tom McGrath was on hand to thank the family and present them with a special plaque commemorating the donation. A similar plaque will be permanently on display inside the DRC to honor Ginny.

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the program resulted in a substantial decrease in drops, with this year's numbers trending toward a similar outcome.

Following the May 31 end of the fraternal year, the Eagles posted a final Net Gain total of +994 for a total of 687,204 members.

"This effort has been years in the making," said Grand Madam President Althea Lane. "It was a joy to be on the road this year seeing all of my Brothers and Sisters reaching out to their various networks to recruit new members and open the doors of our Aeries and Auxiliaries to so many wonderful new faces."

Membership is the driving force behind the Fraternal Order of Eagles and it's nearly 3,000 Aeries and Auxiliaries. This renewed focus on Net Gain is allowing many clubs to thrive once again and adding new life to the Fraternal Order of Eagles Charity Foundation, which donates more than $10 million annually to a variety of local and national organizations.

While 2018-19 has been a banner year for the Eagles, there's still work left to do. Aeries and Auxiliaries are encourage to continue reaching out to prospective members and filling the ranks in order to see this newfound growth into the future.

Celebrate GWP Carl's Charity Monday, July 8

Grand Worthy President Carl Burnett is asking Aerie brothers to wear his official Metavivor tie for the general Aerie session Monday, July 8, at the International Convention in Louisville. The tie has been on sale throughout the year with proceeds benefiting his charity, Metavivor – a nonprofit dedicated to fighting and preventing Stage IV metastatic breast cancer. Metavivor is the only nonprofit organization dedicated exclusively to funding research for Stage IV metastatic breast cancer. Ties are $20 each and can be purchased from the store at www.foe.com or from select Grand Aerie Officers during upcoming State/Provincial conventions (as available).

News & Notes

Operation Eagle Accepting Nominations

The Grand Aerie is now accepting nominees for the 2019 Operation Eagle program. If you know an Eagle or the child/grandchild of an Eagle currently serving in the military overseas, fill out a nomination form. Recipients will be sent care packages including, food, drink mix, socks, toiletries, books, movies, games and more, to share with their company. Over the last 15 years, Operation Eagle has provided more than $120,000 in care packages to servicemen and women overseas. For more information, contact marketing@foe.com.

Save On Hotels with Hotel Engine

Did you know that Fraternal Order of Eagles members get access to Hotel Engine, which is a private hotel booking platform, to connect affinity organizations and their members to deeply discounted hotel rates? Top benefits of your complimentary membership include: an average savings of 26% off public rates at 150,000+ hotels globally, no contracts, annual fees, or spending minimums, and 24/7, U.S.-based customer support. To learn more visit the Membership Benefits page on the Members only site.

Tee Off In The 2019 International Golf Tournament

Take part in this year's International Golf Tournament, held at the Jaycee Golf Course on August 10-11, 2019, hosted by Zanesville, OH Eagles #302. The entry fee is $80 per person, and it includes the greens fee, golf cart, and a sandwich at the turn. All proceeds with benefit the Diabetes Research Center. Dinner will be served on Friday and Saturday night, and there will be a free shuttle from the hotel to the Aerie and back. Contact the social room at 740-453-6746.

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